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5 September 1963

The Honorable John Brademas  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Brademas:

You are right; as your letter of August 20th points out, my response did not direct itself to the "very top leadership in the Agency." Perhaps the attached compilation which I put together recently for Mr. Dulles serves to be more responsive.

In looking at this I would have two comments. First, the "very top" leadership has strong representation from OSS--of the 12 who make up the membership of the Agency Executive Committee, six are OSS alumni who have stayed on in the organization and these six are Ivy Leaguers. This came as a result of the fact that Bill Donovan's primary recruitment efforts were in the east and in many instances were on a "Who do you know?" basis. This proportion previously was even larger, but in recent years there has been what is probably a healthy broadening of the background of the senior echelon. And then, as you well know from your own background, it has only been in more recent years that the rest of the country started to give greater attention to world affairs and develop intensive academic programs in international relations. Finally, of course, I agree with you that there is nothing wrong with going to the Ivy League colleges.

Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick  
Executive Director

## Attachment

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Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Thanks very much for your recent letter with respect to one of the questions raised at the breakfast that the Agency was kind enough to arrange with several Members of Congress.

I note in your letter that you make the point that the large number of Ivy Leaguers present at the breakfast were hand-picked because they had backgrounds compatible with those in our group. I noted also that in your current class of Junior Officer Trainees you have representatives of a very large number of different colleges and universities.

While I was interested to get both of these items of fact, I still don't know that that responds to the question that I raised. My impression was that the CIA people present at the breakfast were the very top leadership in the Agency rather than that they were hand-picked because of compatible backgrounds. If I am mistaken in this, then please tell me. If I am not, then I think you will understand why my question remains unanswered!

Of course, I have to add that I still don't see anything wrong with going to Harvard but that really wasn't the question!

Thanks again for putting up with us.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN BRADEMAS  
Member of Congress